

Ros-Lehtinen	Shuster	Udall (NM)
Roskam	Simpson	Upton
Ross	Sires	Van Hollen
Rothman	Skelton	Velázquez
Roybal-Allard	Slaughter	Visclosky
Royce	Smith (NE)	Walberg
Ruppersberger	Smith (NJ)	Walden (OR)
Ryan (OH)	Smith (TX)	Walsh (NY)
Ryan (WI)	Smith (WA)	Walz (MN)
Salazar	Snyder	Wamp
Sali	Solis	Wasserman
Sánchez, Linda	Souder	Schultz
T.	Space	Waters
Sanchez, Loretta	Speier	Watson
Sarbanes	Spratt	Watt
Saxton	Stearns	Waxman
Scalise	Stupak	Weiner
Schakowsky	Sullivan	Welch (VT)
Schiff	Sutton	Weldon (FL)
Schmidt	Tancredo	Weller
Schwartz	Tanner	Westmoreland
Scott (GA)	Tauscher	Wexler
Scott (VA)	Taylor	Whitfield (KY)
Sensenbrenner	Terry	Wilson (NM)
Serrano	Thompson (CA)	Wilson (OH)
Sessions	Thompson (MS)	Wilson (SC)
Sestak	Thornberry	Wittman (VA)
Shadegg	Tiberi	Woolsey
Shays	Tierney	Wu
Shea-Porter	Towns	Yarmuth
Sherman	Tsongas	Young (AK)
Shimkus	Turner	Young (FL)
Shuler	Udall (CO)	

## NOT VOTING—11

Clay	Loeb sack	Stark
Gilchrest	Meeks (NY)	Tiahrt
Gingrey	Reynolds	Wolfe
Hulshof	Rush	

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes left in the vote.

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Messrs. PORTER and PEARCE and Ms. SCHWARTZ changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the amendment was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

## COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, June 18, 2008.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
The Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a scanned copy of a letter received from Ms. Linda H. Lamone, Administrator, Maryland State Board of Elections, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held June 17, 2008, the Honorable Donna Edwards was elected Representative to Congress for the Fourth Congressional District, State of Maryland.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
Clerk.

Enclosure.

MARYLAND  
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS,  
Annapolis, MD, June 18, 2008.

Hon. LORRAINE C. MILLER  
Clerk, House of Representatives,  
The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MS. MILLER: This letter is to advise you that the unofficial results of the Special Election held on Tuesday, June 17, 2008, for

Representative in Congress from the Fourth Congressional District of Maryland show that Donna Edwards received 15,381 votes or 80 percent of the total number of votes cast for that office on election day excluding absentee and provisional ballots.

It would appear from these unofficial results that Donna Edwards will be certified as the Representative in Congress from Fourth Congressional District of Maryland.

As of the date of this letter, there is no contest to this election.

As soon as the official results are certified, an official Certificate of Election will be prepared for transmittal as required by law.

Sincerely,

LINDA H. LAMONE,  
Administrator.

## SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE DONNA EDWARDS, OF MARYLAND, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentlewoman from Maryland, the Honorable DONNA EDWARDS, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

Her certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to her election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. Will Representative-elect EDWARDS and the members of the Maryland delegation present themselves in the well.

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You are now a Member of the 110th Congress.

## WELCOMING THE HONORABLE DONNA EDWARDS TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), the distinguished majority leader, is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the distinguished Speaker for recognizing me for this delightful opportunity.

Madam Speaker, you will appreciate this as much as anybody in this House. I was elected in a special election on January of 1981, actually May of 1981. The Maryland delegation had eight members. Fifty percent of the members of the Maryland House were women. Mrs. Holt, a Republican, Mrs. Spell-

man, my predecessor who had a cardiac arrest and her seat was declared vacant, Mrs. Byron, a distinguished wife and daughter-in-law of two Members of Congress, and actually there were four Byrons that served in the Congress of the United States, and BARBARA MIKULSKI, were all members of the Maryland delegation.

It was a wonderful delegation. One by one, those women left for one reason or another. Senator MIKULSKI, of course, became the first woman elected to the United States Senate without a relative preceding her.

One by one, they were replaced by a male. Those were good males, I want you to know. But our delegation became an all-male delegation. It was, to that extent, not fully representative of the people of our State. We have been advantaged now, not only because Marylanders have elected an extraordinary individual to serve them. She is a highly educated individual. She traveled throughout the world. Her father served in the Air Force. She is well educated. She didn't go to the University of Maryland, which was a lamentable fact, but she went to a great school, Wake Forest University. She got her law degree in New Hampshire. She has served the community well and has served citizens' organizations well.

So in a very real sense, she has been a representative for a very long period of time. This day, however, she begins her career as a representative elected by the constituents of the Fourth Congressional District.

Madam Speaker, I know that I speak on behalf of yourself, on behalf of all the Members of the House and certainly on behalf, DONNA, of the Maryland delegation, we are extraordinarily proud that you have joined us. Our delegation will be stronger, better and more representative because of that. And this institution will be stronger for the strong advocacy that you will bring on behalf not just of the people of the Fourth Congressional District, but the people of this Nation.

Ladies and gentlemen, I am deeply honored to introduce to you a young woman to whom some years ago I gave an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. She determined that she was going to go to Wake Forest. But she has been my friend for a long time. Ladies and gentlemen, the newest Member of this body, DONNA EDWARDS from the Fourth Congressional District.

She is a mother, lawyer, and long-time community activist and organizer.

Born in Yanterville, North Carolina, she moved frequently as a child.

Her father was in the Air Force, and she traveled throughout the country and world.

She graduated from Wake Forest University and later the Franklin Pierce Law Center (in New Hampshire).

Before attending law school, she worked as a contractor for Lockheed Corporation at Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt.

After law school, she clerked for a superior court judge in Washington, co-founded the National Network To End Domestic Violence, and